

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 6-17 are allowed. Claims 1-5 have been rejected. No new subject matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-17 are allowed.


Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-5. However, in the interest of facilitating the issuance of the allowed claims, applicant cancels claims 1-5, thereby rendering the rejection under §101 moot.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is requested that the application be passed to issue at the earliest possible date. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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